



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

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COPIES TO: City Clerk, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Council Interests

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It certainly was an exciting week! We broke ground on the new Ocean View Elementary School last Wednesday then on Thursday celebrated Virginia and Norfolk's big win in the National Disaster Resilience Competition. \$120,549,000 is the largest grant the City has ever received. Photos of both events are included in today's memo as well as information for your review.

Ballistic Vests Update: The vendor is scheduled to deliver the vests the second week of April.

Special Exception Enhancements: Planning staff added additional information to the Planning Commission staff report for applications that impact historic and school properties. For residential proposals the application now includes the school zone and capacity information. For requests involving alcohol, the application will include the proximity to school property.

Historical impact applications will indicate whether or not the property is in a federal, state or local historic district. If not, staff will indicate whether or not the building subject to the proposal is eligible for listing on the federal or state register of historic places.

Church Street Lighting: Lighting on Church Street was reported to Dominion Virginia Power (DVP). DVP determined there is an underground issue which may take a little longer to repair but will be done in the near future.

Church Street On-Street Parking: Public Works staff reviewed the request to add on-street parking on Church Street from Virginia Beach Blvd. to B Avenue. As you are aware, the planned Maplewood Plaza development is a three story mixed-use building consisting of 13 residential units and 7400 square feet of commercial space. The developer is planning to install 47 on-site parking spaces. Zoning requires a minimum of 43 parking spaces. Since the developer exceeds the minimum parking requirements and given the close proximity of side street parking, the Department of Public Works does not recommend on-street parking on Church Street. In addition to the new development, staff expects the Church Street area to see more traffic with

new business and residential growth and Church Street is part of the citywide bike network with marked bike lanes.

Police Officer Memorial – The widow of Officer Brian Jones has completed and submitted an encroachment application for a permanent memorial in her husband’s honor. City staff is reviewing the application now.

In addition, Public Works offers roadside memorial sign and Adopt-A-Spot programs for families who wish to memorialize a loved one.

School Resource Officer Training – School Resource Officer (SRO) primary role inside public schools is to maintain school safety and serve as a mentor. SRO’s coordinate with the school principal and are not part of the disciplinary process. In addition, SRO’s attend Department Criminal Justice Services training every summer. The training fundamentals include student success in a safe and secure learning environment.

